

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT SHEET.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1882, NOON.

MEMORANDUM FOR TODAY.

Public Auction by Messrs. Hughes and Legge of Manila Hemp, and Sugar, ex *Prima Donna*, at Messrs. Slesman & Co's Godowns, Vanehal, commencing at noon.

The *White Cloud* leaves for Macao, at 3 p.m.

The steamship *Ashington* will leave for Bangkok and Swatow, at 3 p.m.

Mrs. J. M. Guedes will sell by Public Auction that Piece of Ground with the Four Houses erected thereon, at Nos. 309, 311, 313, and 315, Queen's Road West, at 3 p.m.

The Spanish steamer *Amoy* will be despatched for Manila, at 5 p.m. Applications for freight or passage, to be made to Messrs. Remedios & Co.

The *Possum* will leave for Canton, at 6 o'clock.

Being Officers guest night, the Band of the Buffs will play as usual at Murray Barracks.

Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S.C., in Freeman's Hall, Zealand Street, at 8.30 p.m. precisely.

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY,

the 20th day of September, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises,—

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTION No. 3 of SECTION A of MARINE LOT No. 97, measuring North and South sides 64 feet, East and West sides 50 feet. Together with the 4 HOUSES in Queen's Road West, Nos. 309, 311, 313, and 315. Yearly Crown Rent £7.6.1.

Particulars apply to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 13th September, 1882. [624]

FOR MANILA (DIRECT). THE Spanish Steamer

"EMUY,"

Ortuzar Master, will be despatched as above, on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, 15th September, 1882. [629]

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for ADELAIDE, all NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and FIJI.)

THE Steamship

"EUXINE,"

Captain Peters, will be despatched as above, on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at FOUR P.M., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, 19th September, 1882. [631]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"ORION,"

Captain G. Maharisch, will be despatched as above, on or about the 4th prox.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 20th September, 1882. [639]

Intimations.

Y. E. U. Q. A.

SHIP PORTRAIT, AND MINIATURE PAINTER.

PHOTOGRAPHIC NEWS.

LANDSCAPES IN OIL AND WATER COLORS. All Work Executed by First-Class Artists.

IVORY MINIATURES A SPECIALITY.

10, 57, C, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, UPSTAIRS, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1882. [211]

S. U. S. H. G.

DEALER IN SILKS.

CANTON and Shanghai Gauzes, Crapes Shawls, Lacquered and Ivory Wares, Curios, &c., &c. The best house in the trade for high-class Curios, GOLD and SILVER JEWELRY of the most artistic designs, Engraver on Stamps, Seal, &c., &c. The public and Travellers are invited to inspect the show rooms.

20th AND 57th QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [298]

T. O. K. E. E.

C. O. A. L. M. E. R. C. H. A. N. T., 18th Wing SING LANE, HONGKONG.

KEEPS on hand for Sale all kinds of STEAM COALS of the best quality, at moderate rates (also has always Powerful Steam Launches for Hire, at a Reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.)

Hongkong, 13th April, 1882. [234]

NOTICE.

BOOKBINDING AND RULING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES EXECUTED AT VERY LOW PRICES.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.

Account Books ruled to any pattern.

Miscellaneous Bound in Elegant Style with Best Materials.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE, Hongkong, 22nd July, 1882.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO. SUMMER REQUISITES.

PRICKLY HEAT LOTION.

CARBOLIC SOAPS.

BATH BRUSHES AND GLOVES.

CARBOLIC DISINFECTANTS.

SELTZ GENES.

EYE PROTECTORS.

EAR PLUGS.

FOR USE IN BATHING.

FRUIT SYRUPS.

VIN-SANTÉ.

FELLOW'S SYRUP.

JOD'S INDIAN CHOLAGOUE, &c., &c., &c.

A. S. WATSON & Co., CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS AND MANUFACTURERS.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

ESTABLISHED 1841. [431]

CHIE N A M.

GOLD AND SILVERSMITH, WATCH MAKER

AND ENGRAVER.

WATCHES CLEANED AND REPAIRED ON MODERATE TERMS.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

JEWELRY MADE AND REPAIRED.

No. 72, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1882. [214]

S. Z. H. I. N. G.

TAILOR.

DEALER in all kinds of Drapery, Silk Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Shawls, &c., &c.

HAT AND CAP MAKER.

Ladies material made up, and a perfect Fit Guaranteed at Moderate Charges.

MATTEO AND MANILA CIGARS, FOR SALE.

No. 76, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1882. [228]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has all kinds of House and Ship COAL for Sale in large or small quantities at Moderate Prices. Strong and Commodious small steamers on hire for towing purposes, Excursions, &c., &c., CHEAPER than any other House in the Trade.

Apply to HING LEE, 37, Tung Man Lane, Hongkong, 12th April, 1882. [227]

A. H. O. Y.

MERCHANT TAILOR, HAT, & CAP MAKER.

HAS for Sale, every description of Gentlemen's Scarves, Collars, Ties, Socks, Hats, &c., &c. Dealer in Chinese Silks of all kinds. Bamboo Blinds, Mattings of own Manufacture. China Teapots in bamboo covers. Rattan Chairs, Silk Coats a Speciality, a perfect fit and best material guaranteed.

No. 112, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, 16th May, 1882. [347]

L. I. N. G. S. H. I. N. G.

BOOT AND SHOE MAKER.

No. 5, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG.

THE CHEAPEST SHOP IN THE TRADE.

Materials and Workmanship Guaranteed.

Special experience in making Gentlemen's RUINO BOOTS.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1882. [307]

W. A. H. L. O. O. N. G.

ESTABLISHED 1865.

GOLD AND SILVER SMITH AND JEWELLER.

DEALER IN

PONCEE Silk Dresses, Crapes Shawls, Gauzes, &c., &c. Porcelain, Fans, Curios, Bristles, Human Hair, and specially selected Feathers always on hand at Moderate Prices, quality guaranteed.

No. 60, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, 2nd June, 1882. [399]

S. A. M. H. I. N. G. (STULTZ).

MERCHANT TAILOR AND OUTFITTER, HAT AND CAP MAKER.

IMPORTER of every description of Gentlemen's Scarves, Collars, Ties, Socks, Umbrellas, Hats, &c., &c. Dealer in Chinese Silks of all kinds. Bamboo Blinds and Mattings. Special attention given to the Tailoring Department. A perfect fit and best workmanship guaranteed. Cigars and Cigars for Dresses in all the newest patterns.

No. 49, AND 51, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG, 1st May, 1882. [302]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

IN deference to the wishes of a large number of subscribers we have determined on and after MONDAY, July 24th to issue the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT SHEET at NOON, instead of at 4 p.m. as at present. Special important alterations will also be made in the get-up of the sheet. In addition to the usual shipping information all the interesting items of late news, such as telegrams, local occurrences, &c., will be published. A special report of share and other important business up to 11.30 A.M. will appear daily in the SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT SHEET. Advertisements for the morning sheet, which are inserted without extra charge, must be handed in not later than 11 A.M. The SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT SHEET is issued GRATIS to all the Mercantile and Shipping Houses, Chinese, Hongkong, and places of public resort, and is the Best and Cheapest Advertising Medium in the Colony.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE, 6, PEDDAR'S HILL, Hongkong, 22nd July, 1882.

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

The Share Market continues very dull. Docks have been negotiated at 53 for end of the month, and 56 for end of November. Steamboats are offering at 32½ premium, a fall of half a point since yesterday, without inducing buyers to invest. Other stocks remain as per quotation list.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—130 per cent. premium, buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,500 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,325 per share.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$80 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 850 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$255 per share, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1030 per share, sales.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$322½ per share, sales.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—52½ per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$32½ per share premium, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$107 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—par.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$197 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$118 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$145 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1½ per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2½ per cent. prem.

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & S. S. Co's steamer *Oceanic*, with the succeeding American mail, left San Francisco on the 31st August, and is due here on or about the 30th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Tenzer*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 18th instant, and is due here on the 24th.

The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Orion* left Singapore this morning, and may be expected here on the 27th instant.

ARRIVALS.

September 19, TIVUS, German steamer, 555, C. Rice, Haiphong 17th Sept., Rice—Wieler & Co.

September 19, LUSTANIA, British steamer, 787, P. Nickelsen, Keelung 17th Sept., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

September 19, MFCURRY, American ship, 1,156, J. L. Panno, Singapore 8th Sept., Timber—Chinese.

September 19, CATHARINA II., Russian str., 810, W. Gullert, Saigon 13th September, General—Melchers & Co.

September 19, PENG-CHAO-HAI, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.

September 20, NINGPO, British steamer, 761, R. Cass, Canton 10th September, General—Siemssen & Co.

September 20, DELONA, German steamer, 789, Hamburg, and Singapore 4th Sept., General—Siemssen & Co.

September 19, HOIHOW, British steamer, for Swatow.

September 20, MELI, Chinese str., for Whampoa.

September 20, FERNWOOD, British steamer, for Amoy.

September 20, NEARCIUS, American ship, for Manila.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per *Lusitania*, str. from Keelung—3 Chinese.

Per *Catharina II.*, str. from Saigon—5 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Lusitania* reports left Keelung on the 17th instant. Had fine weather and southerly wind.

The Russian steamship *Catharina II.* reports left Saigon on the 15th instant. Had fine weather and S.W. winds, then strong current on the coast of Cochin China to the Southward.

YAGASAKI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

September—

3, Genki Maru, Japan, steamer, from Kobe.

4, Enuma, German schooner, from Cheloo.

5, Keatrel, British gunboat, from Corea.

6, Korat, French gunboat, from Shanghai.

7, Tyng, British steamer, from Shanghai.

8, Zephyr, British gunboat, from Corea.

9, Cleopatra, British corvette, from Corea.

10, Albatross, British gunboat, from Corea.

11, Vigilant, British gunboat, from Corea.

12, Solidor, British bark, from Shanghai.

13, Baikal, Russian steamer, from Shanghai.

14, Holstein, German steamer, from Nicolaeski.

15, Magpie, British gun-vessel, from Corea.

16, Bangalore, British steamer, from Kobe.

17, Swift, British gunboat, from Corea.

18, Nigata Maru, Japan, steamer, from Kobe.

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The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 205.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
NEWS AGENCY
DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW LIST FOR
NEWSPAPERS AND
PERIODICALS FOR 1883,
IS NOW READY AND
WILL BE SENT ON
APPLICATION.

**SUTTON'S VEGETABLE &
FLOWER SEEDS.**
JUST RECEIVED.

PLEASE APPLY FOR
CATALOGUE OF
THIS SEASON'S
VARIETY.

PARCEL EXPRESS
AGENCY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
WHEATLEY & Co., LONDON,
PACKAGES FORWARDED TO
LONDON BY EACH P. & O.

MAIL AND DELIVERED
TO ANY ADDRESS IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 28th August, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [181]

**YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th
May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

J. H. FINCKVOSS, Esq., WM. MEYERINK, Esq.,

A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH.

Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,

Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,

68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICES granted on MARINE RISKS to all

parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest

on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the

UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-

tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether

Shareholders or not) in proportion to the

premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.
Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [153]

**THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW ZEALAND.**

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

UNLIMITED LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The Undersigned, having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are prepared to

ACCEPT FIRE AND MARINE RISKS at Current

Rates, allowing usual discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. [164]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)**

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33

RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LEE YAT LAU, Esq.,

LO YEOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO ANEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at

CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

**THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

CAPITAL £4,000,000; PAID-UP £200,000

PAID UP RESERVE FUND.....£500,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions

to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 23rd day of September, 1882, at THREE P.M.,

on the Premises,—

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND

Registered in the Land Office as INLAND

LOT No. 90, measuring North 80 feet, South

88, East 201, West 107 feet, or total 14,720

square feet. Yearly Crown Rent £367.74,

for 999 years from the 28th August, 1844.

Together with the 25 Newly-Built HOUSES

erected thereon in Gough Street, Nos. 24

to 34, Nge-On Lane, Nos. 1 to 13, and

Hollywood Road, Nos. 29, 29A to E, will be

Sold in Separate Lots as per Plan.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,

apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1882. [635]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auc-

tion, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th September, 1882, at THREE P.M., on

the Premises,—

ALL that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND

Registered in the Land Office as INLAND

LOT No. 282A, measuring on the North and

South sides 35 feet, on the East and West

sides 88 feet or 3,080 square feet. Yearly

Crown Rent £8.77 for 999 years from 5th

December, 1854. Together with the 6

HOUSES Nos. 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, and

131, Hollywood Road.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of

Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1882. [636]

To be Let.

TO LET.

NO. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

Nos. 2 AND 4, PEDDAR'S HILL.

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately

occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1882. [74]

TO BE LET.

(WITH POSSESSION ON 1ST OF OCTOBER NEXT.)

THAT LARGE AND COMMODIOUS

HOUSE, No. 14, Arbuthnot Road, at

present in the occupation of Dr. FISHER.

Apply to

J. A. DE CARVALHO.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1882. [596]

STORAGE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to take Goods

on STORAGE at their GODOWNS. En-

trance from PRAYA and Queen's Road Central.

TERMS MODERATE.

Apply to

ROSE & Co.,

31 and 33, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1882. [266]

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A THURSTON'S ENGLISH BILLIARD

TABLE (full size) with CUES, RACKS,

PYRAMID BALLS, and COMPLETE FITTINGS. A

Reasonable Price will be taken.

Apply for Particulars to

A. B. C.,

Office of Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1882. [637]

FOR SALE.

ON BOARD of the British Steamer

"CAIRNSMUIR,"

FOR ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

6 VENTILATORS.

2 STEAM-BOILERS for Cooking, with House

and Pipe.

2 COOK HOUSES with Boilers.

1 COOK HOUSE.

2 WATER CLOSETS.

2 BOOBY HUTCHES.

2 DECK HOUSES.

20 CASKS BEEF and PORK.

21 WATER CASKS.

7 HOLD LADDERS.

24 BASKETS.

A Quantity of WOOD comprising Lower Deck

and Bunks and Fittings of Two Decks.

3 Small BOOBY HUTCHES.

Apply ON BOARD.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1882. [622]

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.

PINTS.....\$23 per Case.

Apply to

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [132]

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND

PORTER.

DAVID CORNAR & SONS'

MERCHANT NAVY

NAVY BOILED

LONG FLAX

CROWN

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD,

WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER

ALWAYS ON HAND.

L. MALLORY,

Proprietor.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [495]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ON AND AFTER

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1882.

WE SHALL HOLD OUR HALF-YEARLY CLEARANCE SALE

SURPLUS SUMMER STOCK OF DRESSES, SILKS, REMNANTS,

&c., &c.

IN ADDITION WE SHALL

SHOW SOME VERY CHEAP LINES IN AUTUMN

DRESS MATERIALS, SHETLAND WOOL SHAWLS, LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES,

&c., &c.

IMPORTED EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

A LIBERAL CASH DISCOUNT

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1882. [79]

For Sale.

KELLY & WALSH'S
SECOND LIST OF STANDARD WORKS
AND POPULAR NOVELS

AT
TWENTY-FIVE
CENTS EACH.

The Rule of the Monk.....General Garibaldi.

Hero Worship.....Thomas Carlyle.

John Inglesant (the Novel which has produced so

great a sensation in England).....Charles Dickens.

The Innocents Abroad.....Mark Twain.

Pickwick Papers.....W. M. Thackeray.

Cesar, a Sketch.....J. A. Froude.

My Love.....Mrs. E. Lynn Linton.

Alfons and Ashore.....Fennimore Cooper.

Daniel Deronda.....George Eliot.

MacLeod of Dare.....Wm. Black.

Robert Falconer.....Geo. MacDonald.

On Horseback through Asia Minor.....Capt. Burnaby.

Jack Hinton.....George Eliot.

Felix Holt.....George Eliot.

Miss Mackenzie.....Anthony Trollope.

The Sonny Side.....Besant and Rice.

Iris.....Mrs. Randolph.

Spinosa.....Berthold Auerbach.

Bransburgh of Bishop's Folly.....Chas. Lever.

Oliver.....Miss Mulock.

Strathmore.....Ouida.

Held in Bondage.....Ouida.

Folle Farine.....Ouida.

Barbara's History.....Amelia B. Edwards.

Harold Tracy.....F. Smith.

The Feres.....Mrs. Alexander.

The Emperor.....George Elbers.

My Marriage.....Geo. MacDonald.

The Vicar's Daughter.....Geo. MacDonald.

Wild and Willful.....L. R. Comfort.

Could Aught Atonement.....Jane Porter.

The Scottish Chiefs (2 parts).....Jane Porter.

The Martyrdom of Madeline.....Robt. Buchanan.

The Duke's Children.....Anthony Trollope.

Sweet Nineties.....F. W. Robinson.

On the Heights.....Berthold Auerbach.

Castle and Town.....Francis Mary Peard.

Stern Necessity.....F. W. Robinson.

Craddock Nowell (2 parts).....R. D. Blackmore.

Dorothy's Venture.....Mary Cecil Hay.

A Harvest of Wild Oats.....Florence Marryat.

No Man's Friend.....F. W. Robinson.

Paul Faber, Surgeon.....Geo. MacDonald.

Alice Bridge of Norfolk.....Andrew Reed.

Noblesse Oblige.....L. R. Comfort.

Till Death us Do Part.....Mrs. J. K. Spender.

My Lady Green Sleeves.....Helen Mathers.

The Woe of O.T.....Mrs. Alexander.

Life and Adventures of David Crockett.....

The Beautiful Miss Barrington.....Charles Reade.

Hard Cash.....D. Christie Murray.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1882.

Our evening contemporary hears that Mr. J. M. Price's leave of absence has been extended to the 31st October, and concludes that this further extension has been granted "in connection with the purchase of machinery and other negotiations connected with the Tai-tam water works." We also heard yesterday morning that the Surveyor-General had obtained further leave of absence, but on what grounds we are really unable to define. What with tramways, water-works, negotiations, &c. &c. Mr. J. M. Price appears to have been enjoying a very agreeable time for many months past at the expense of this Colony. We are not at all sure that the authorities are justified in pandering to Mr. Price's evident craving for notoriety, and well known partiality for intrigue. It is simple nonsense to pretend to foist on the public the misleading impression that the Surveyor-General's unusually protracted absence from his duties, has been for the benefit and in the interests of this Colony. Everybody in Hongkong is perfectly well aware that Mr. J. M. Price would have returned here months ago, had the local political clique to which he belongs not considered it desirable to have so redoubtable a champion in London to use all means in his power to counteract the influence of Governor HENNESSY at the Colonial Office in Downing Street. The Surveyor-General is undoubtedly a clever man. He has certainly made a few mistakes, his zeal in what is fair to presume he considers a good cause, having occasionally over-run his discretion. However, it cannot be denied that Mr. J. M. Price has proved a tower of strength to the anti-HENNESSY faction; he has done the state—if that faction may be supposed to represent the state—good service, and they know it. We should therefore not feel in the least surprised to see Mr. Price receive quite a public reception by his admirers, on his arrival in Hongkong—presuming of course that he will be permitted to return. Political events are so uncertain that it is just possible Her Majesty's Government may consider it desirable to employ the gigantic intellect of our absent Surveyor-General in a larger field, where his varied abilities would have a much wider scope than is possible in manipulating breakwaters and water schemes, and leading petty intrigues against Her Majesty's re-

presentative in such an insignificant place as Hongkong. Official diplomacy of the description with which Mr. Price's name has been so closely identified of late—which we need not refer to in detail—is really lost in the circumscribed limits of "the island of sweet waters."

It may possibly be a matter of opinion whether the Colony has actually lost anything by Mr. Price's continued absence from his post. We are much inclined to the view that so far as the working of the Surveyor-General's Department is concerned, the community generally have been gainers. Freed from the baneful influence of a chief, whose constant intriguing led to never ending differences with the Head of the Government, the Surveyor-General's Department, in the practical and experienced hands of the Assistant Surveyor-General, Mr. EDWARD BOWLER, has done good work during Mr. Price's absence. The roads of the Colony have never been so well kept as during the present summer; and in all other respects, the department can show a capital record. In our opinion Mr. J. M. Price is far too clever for an ordinary Surveyor-General. An officer of such vast abilities, and great experience would doubtless be far more at home in a distinctly political capacity, than as the superintendent of roads, bridges, breakwaters, waterworks, &c., &c., in an out of the way place like Hongkong. We really think we should be able in the course of time to recover from the loss, if Mr. PRICE were relegated by Her Majesty's Government to some other more congenial sphere, where his peculiar accomplishments would be more appreciated than they have been here. It is possible in official life for a man to be above his position; and we think that Mr. JOHN MACNEIL PRICE is far too aspiring and clever an individual to be a mere Surveyor-General in a third rate Colony. If his influential friends would secure him an appointment to superintend the Suez Canal—as a sort of foil to the irrepressible DE LESSERS—it would at the same time be doing both Mr. PRICE and the British Government eminent service. The Surveyor-General would be more than a match for DE LESSERS, or the wildest of Egyptian diplomatists. His policy has hitherto been so free from inconvenient scruples that he would certainly be the right man in the right place in Egypt. Perhaps Her Majesty's Government will take our suggestion into consideration!

While diplomats have been splitting hairs at Constantinople, the British military forces have, says the San Francisco Morning Call, taken possession of the Suez Canal, and are holding it in the name of Europe. The guarantee of neutrality under which the canal was built, is, in a certain sense, maintained by the Power most interested taking possession and holding it for the use of all others. England will claim that the neutrality of the canal is more effectually preserved by their action than it could be under the protection of the country in which it is located, whether regarded as Turkish or Egyptian territory. England will observe all the rights the guarantee of neutrality conferred upon owners, but it will retain absolute control of the property. Any nation which is displeased with this method of settlement can undo the work done, if it has the power to do so. It is a question of ironclads from first to last—of the heaviest artillery and the longest purse. The movement can be justified on the ground of commercial necessity. England's interests in India compel her to act as she has acted. It is not worth while to discuss the moral points of the situation. Whether England has a better right to be in Egypt than Turkey has to be in Ireland becomes obscured by the fundamental fact that England is in Egypt and Turkey is not in Ireland. It is true that ARABI has not made any attempt to blow up the canal. It is true, also, that DE LESSERS has expressed full confidence in ARABI's purpose to respect the canal. But the opinion of Europe evidently is, that the Egyptian guarantee of neutrality is too frail to rest such extensive interests upon. There will be more splitting of hairs at Constantinople or some other capital, but in the meantime the English will be fortifying their position on the canal. There is very little danger that Europe will unite in a demand that England shall surrender the position she has taken. The jealousies and rivalries of the three great military Powers will serve to protect England from a European coalition. But the history of the Suez Canal may be utilized to furnish a basis for a chapter in American politics. What England has just done on the Suez Canal she would do a few years hence on the Panama, if that canal should be built under the delusion of a joint guarantee of neutrality. England might at any time claim to be the judge as to whether that joint guarantee was sufficient, and move to take possession of it, if in her opinion it was not. There is no Power in Europe which could prevent that nation

from taking possession of the Isthmus of Panama, if her interests should prompt her to do so. Germany and Russia, acting in concert, might force England to loose her hold on Suez, but they could not reach Panama. The United States would be the only nation to dispute with England for the possession of that canal. The spirit of the Monroe doctrine requires the American Government to exercise the same jurisdiction over the American canal that England has just asserted over Suez. England will hold the Suez Canal for the commerce of the world, but she will forbid its use for purposes of war hostile to herself. This is the position for the United States to take in regard to any inter-oceanic canal. Our guarantee of neutrality is as good as England's. The question is, if we are disposed to assert our authority.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 19th September.

ABOUKIR SURRENDERED.

The Aboukir garrison has surrendered.

THE EGYPTIAN ARMY.

The Khedive has issued a decree disbanding the Egyptian army.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Band of the Buffs will play at the Officers Mess, Murray Barracks, at the usual hour this evening.

THE Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer *Amazon* with the next outward French mail, left Saigon for this port yesterday, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m.

A LOUGE of Emergency of Zealand, No. 525, will be held at Freemason's Hall, Zealand Street, on Friday evening, the 22nd instant, at half-past five for 6 o'clock precisely.

We are informed by the agents, Messrs. Melchers & Co., that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Orion* left Singapore this morning, and may be expected here on the 27th instant.

We would remind members that an Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618, will be held at Freemason's Hall, Zealand Street, this evening at 8.30 precisely. Visiting brethren will as usual be cordially welcomed.

It is to be doubted if one person in a hundred, or for that matter, one in a thousand, could give a correct definition of the word "potwalloper." Yet such a word is accorded a place in the vocabulary of the English language, and according to "Chambers' Etymological Dictionary," means a voter in certain English boroughs, who is accorded the right of suffrage on giving proof that he regularly boils a pot. Whether such a pot contains water or soup is not stated. The word is a bastard creation, derived from the old German *toffen*, a pot, and *wallon*, to boil.

EVERYONE, says an Australian contemporary, recoils at the charming man who, some years since, eloped from a certain southern hospital with a fascinating foreign medico. Dr. — now states that it came about in this wise. Said he to her one day:—"Tell me, Sister, why do you wear such hideous boots? I'm sure you must have pretty feet." "Oh, doctor, we should not talk about such things, but you know it's intended as an act of mortification." "Dear sister, I am, as you know, a surgeon. You will believe me when I say that there is absolutely no hope for her who has mortification in both feet." And, finding that her feet were in danger, the sweet girl took to her heels. That's the whole drama in one act, and if you don't believe us, ask Doctor —

On July 28th, observes a Liverpool contemporary, Sir J. P. Hennessy, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Hongkong, received an influential and representative deputation of gentlemen interested in the abolition of Government regulation of vice, who presented His Excellency with an address thanking him for having called the attention of the Government to terrible abuses and iniquities connected with the administration of the Contagious Diseases Ordinance of 1862 and 1869, in force in that colony. Sir John in reply said he was one of the M.P.'s who formed the Select Committee on the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill of 1864, which subsequently, in the same session, became the first law of that kind in this country. He was led, and other members were led, to vote in favour of that measure by glowing reports of the successful operation of a similar system in Hongkong. When he afterwards became Governor of the Colony he had reason to inquire into the general administration of that law and not only discovered abuses and iniquities which he had spoken of as "loathsome," but found also that the very report which had influenced his vote as an English M.P. had one great defect about it—it was absolutely incorrect. He sent for the responsible official, who replied, in explanation, that there had been "some terrible mistake." He and others had been misled by that false report, and knowing now what he did know of the system, its failure in Hongkong to affect disease, and its corrupting influences upon the minds of those who had to administer it, he was not ashamed to say that he deeply regretted having had any part in supporting the introduction of a Contagious Diseases Act into England. Sir John went on to show what moral corruption had sprung from the system in Hongkong, proofs which were in print in blue-books, or in despatches to the Secretary of State. These gross iniquities must be brought before the Queen (for these things were done in the name of the Crown), the Parliament, and the people of England, and he had done his best to tell her Majesty's Government the truth. After a few words from Mr. W. Foster, M.P., the deputation thanked His Excellency and withdrew.

THE British steamer *Ensign* undocked at Kowloon this afternoon. The German steamer *Deuteros* will go into dock at Aberdeen, and the *Malabar* at Kowloon to-morrow morning.

IP ALEUNG, for being at large in the streets without a light or pass, and being in possession of a blanket which he said he stole to cover himself with, was relegated to Haywards' Hotel for the period of three months, hard labor being added to keep him from languishing.

YUNG CHUNG, Chu Tsoi, and Yung Kwai, charged with entering a dwelling house in Shau-ki-wan, and stealing therefrom a box containing a gold ring, and clothing valued at \$20, were convicted on the evidence produced and sent for three months' hard labor, each, by Mr. Wodehouse.

THE following express was circulated this forenoon.—Subscribers to the Hongkong Telegraph Expense Fund are informed that the cheque for the sum collected will be presented to Mr. R. Fraser-Smith at his residence, Peddar's Hill, to-night, Wednesday, at 6 p.m. sharp. All friends are invited to be present.

THE French scheme for making an artificial sea in the interior of Africa has been abandoned. The commission appointed to investigate the project has reported that the inevitable cost would be out of all proportion to the problematical advantages, being somewhere in the neighborhood of \$250,000,000.

It is a rather curious fact that the four officers of the Austrian army highest in command in Bosnia are Irishmen. The Governor of Livno is Major-General O'Reilly. The second in command of the cavalry is Colonel O'Hertilly, and there are two Captain O'Sullivan under him. One of the Generals of Brigade is Rudolph Oliver Swanson, who comes of a West Cork family.

A STORY is told to the effect that when ex-Consul-General Simon Wolff, now of Washington, bade Arabi Pasha good-bye he expressed the hope that when he returned he should find Arabi well and Egypt happy. "Happy? Happy?" said Arabi. "One of our sheiks who had a bad wife once preached in the mosque, saying: 'All who love God and fear their wives, stand up.' All stood up except one. Surprised, after service the sheik approached the man, and said:—'You heard what I said? 'Yes.' 'You didn't stand up?' 'No.' 'You must be happy then. Tell me your secret how you got along with your wife.' The man replied:—'Who tells you I am happy? You are happier than I. My wife gave me such a drubbing to-day I couldn't stand up.' Europe," added Arabi, "can at least stand up, but poor Egypt has a broken back."

CAPTAIN T. S. Kenderdine of the steamship *Penedo*, who shortly proceeds home with that steamer, was waited upon this morning by a number of Chinese friends and admirers from the Tong Kee Hong, and presented with a very handsome silk flag as a memento of their respect and esteem. The flag is a large one, and very elaborately embroidered; in fact, quite a grand specimen of Chinese high art. The presentation was made in the usual ceremonious fashion, and amidst quite a shower of fire crackers. Captain Kenderdine briefly responded in a few well chosen words, thanking his friends for their kindness, and courtesy. We trust that Captain Kenderdine, who is a thoroughly good fellow, will enjoy a pleasant trip home, and that we shall soon see him back in Hongkong in command of one of the Company's new steamers.

MR. L. J. Xavier, a compositor in the employ of Messrs. Noronha & Co., appeared before Mr. Wodehouse this morning to prosecute Lam Akung and his partner, a couple of chalk coolies, for assault. There was a cross summons in this case, Mr. Lam Akung, having also summoned Mr. Xavier for assault, and, we should say, with a fair show of reason. Lam Akung had been treated to a very hard crack on the optic, which necessitated his going into Hospital, and it appears Mr. Xavier had also come in for a rib-bender from a bamboo pole. It would seem that Mr. Xavier and a few of his friends were out for a walk, when they met the chalk coolies who commenced to serve out bad language which the type slinger objected to, and asked if the abuse was meant for him. This brought about a general scrimmage and blows were exchanged pretty freely. The evidence as to what actually occurred was of a very conflicting nature, the coolies distinctly stating that they had not used their poles as weapons of offence or defence. This statement was proved to the satisfaction of the magistrate to be a deliberate falsehood, so he dismissed both summonses, and fined the chalk coolies five dollars each for giving false evidence, with the option of fourteen days' hard labor.

THE new fire engine from the factory of Messrs. Shand, Mason and Company, London, the arrival of which we chronicled in our issue of Monday last, was tested yesterday afternoon on the Praya. The new fire extinguisher which came out in sections, was put together by Mr. Waseus, the assistant Engineer of the Government Fire Brigade, in the remarkably short space of two days, which clearly shows that the gigantic "fire king" although probably not "a don" at lawn tennis, is all there when fire engines require tackling. The practice of yesterday afternoon was carried out under the superintendence of Captain McEuen, the deputy chief of the Fire Brigade. Amongst the visitors who turned out to see the trial, we noticed Captain Thomsett and several other gentlemen who take a real interest in the welfare of the Colony. The new engine worked smoothly and well, not a single hitch occurring, and threw a well defined and large stream of water right over the tops of the high buildings on the Praya into Wing-lok Street. Great satisfaction was expressed at the success of the trial, the latest arrival being the best thing of its kind made, possessing all the most recent improvements. The fire department is now well supplied with machinery, and as the "fire season" is coming on, it may be just as well to keep the members of both Brigades up to concert pitch by frequent parades.

It is said that unlike other Queens, Victoria has no female confidants. Her confidant was Prince Albert, and before him Lord Melbourne. Disraeli succeeded, after his invention of the Empress of India, in gaining the complete confidence of the Queen, but outside the Princess Beatrice there are no women about the court to invent intrigues and keep up cabals.

LI ACHU and LI ASZE, stone cutters, charged with unlawfully taking away from her home, the daughter of a bricklayer, and further with carnally abusing her, were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions by Captain-Thomsett. Both prisoners reserved their defence, and requested that a man named LI AUNG, a resident of the High Street, be subpoenaed as a witness.

IN London the evening newspapers outnumber the morning issues by a majority of one. In England, outside of London, the number of each is the same, viz., forty-seven. In Scotland the numbers are also exactly even, there being eleven of each. In Ireland, however, the morning issues outnumber those of the evening by a majority of eight—the number of the former being thirteen, and of the latter only five.

THERE are 7,000 hawkers of newspapers in London—big men, little boys, old women and young girls. They are in the preliminary, or normal, condition of paper, i. e., rags, and live from hand to mouth of pocketing pennies and yelling their journals' names and contents. The 11th of July, 1882, will be memorable for one cry and one great sale of London papers. The cry was not so correct as the sale, for "The Bombardment of Alexander" was the one, while the other was 780,000 copies of "Hextra 'ditions!" No such sales since the Crimean War.

THE reported death of the deposed Gaekwar of the Principality of Baroda, in Western India, closes another chapter in an Eastern romance well worth the attention of any historical novelist. Some years ago the Gaekwar was detected in a deliberate attempt to poison Colonel Phayre, the British Resident at his Court, and was dethroned forthwith. The vacant throne was filled by a youth of twelve, originally the son of a Hindu peasant. The Princess, having seen the child in his native village, and taken a fancy to him, adopted him as her own. This adoption, according to native ideas, made him in all respects her lawful son and heir. A similar adoption formed the basis of the claim put forward by Nana Sahib, and disallowed by the English Government with such fatal results. In the case of the young Gaekwar, however, no opposition was made, and this lad, who was running about a mud village not many years ago, with no clothing but his own matted hair, now ranks among the sovereigns of India, and has just had the last obstacle swept from his path by the death of his predecessor, in whose favor more than one plot has been hatched against him.

THE Baltimore *Sun* of July 25th gives an illustration of Christian heroism which took place on the preceding Wednesday evening near Newport, Charles county, Md. A colored man, Louis Matthews, a victim of small-pox, lay dead in his cabin. In the room with the dead man were his wife and two small children suffering with the same disease. Of course every one avoided the cabin, fearing the contagion. A gentleman of the neighborhood, Mr. Julian Norris, had a grave dug about two hundred yards from the house and a coffin was placed near it. Rev. J. A. Cunnane, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Newport, who had been visiting the stricken family, ministering to their temporal and spiritual wants, seeing the utter loneliness of the family, at once took it upon himself to bury the dead. Unaided he took the coffin to the cabin, placed therein the loathsome corpse, and mustering extraordinary strength, transferred the coffin to a wheelbarrow, conveyed it to the grave and buried it, performing all the labor alone. Thus he who had been priest and physician to the sick man became also undertaker and sexton. There are heroes who never drew a sword.

SAYS the Sydney *Bulletin*—"The three tailors of Tooley-street" rule Milton and Ulladulla, where a public meeting, described as "influential," was the other day convened by the Mayor to protest against what? The continuance of the present libel law, or the prospective long absence from the colony of the Premier? No. The inhabitants of Milton and Ulladulla met, under the aegis of the Right Worshipful Mayor, to protest against an alarming confederation on the part of the three local smiths. These poor, hard-working devils had been expending tissue beneath the spreading chestnut trees of Ulladulla, and had for some time been cutting each other's throats by shooting the horses off the local yokels at 4s. per set. Finding that they could not exist under such a tariff, they very sensibly agreed among themselves to charge 5s. the price which obtains in Sydney. Hence the fury of the Mayor and J.P. of the village. Milton may be indignant, but it's evidently not money. When we have made a fortune and been rejected by the girl at whose feet we throw our wealth and our bleeding heart, we shall retire to the sylvan solitudes of Ulladulla, and dream our life away among that sweetly primitive people whose greatest sorrow is that horse-shoes have risen a "bob a set."

"THAMES-STREET INDUSTRIES," by Percy Russell. This Illustrated Pamphlet on Perfumery, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World, or JOHN GOSNELL & Co., London.—[Adv.]

"Gentlemen," said a Yankee auctioneer, who was selling a piece of land, "this is the most delightful land. It is the easiest land to cultivate, it is so light, so very light." Mr. Parker will corroborate my statement; he owns the next patch, and he will tell you how easy it is to work." "Yes, gentlemen," said Mr. Parker, "it is very easy to work; but it is a plaguey sight easier to gather the crops."

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL AND THE CHINESE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—The following notification dated the 16th inst., and signed by the Acting Colonial Secretary, appears in the last issue of the *Government Gazette*:—"It is hereby notified by direction of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that in all ordinary cases, petitions from Chinese to the Government should be addressed in the first instance to the Registrar General as the Official organ of communication between the Government and the Chinese community, although they are still at liberty, if they prefer to do so, to address their communications direct to the Colonial Secretary, whose duty it will be to refer such documents to the Registrar General, who will make his report on them to the Governor."

In plain words, the Chinese community in future when they wish to make representations to the Government, must first make them to the Registrar General, and if any one of them should be so perverse as to communicate direct with the Colonial Secretary, the matter will have to be referred to the Registrar General. Thus practically the Registrar General will be the Governor of the Chinese community in this Colony. The only excuse for permitting the Registrar General to receive petitions from the Chinese can be that he understands the Chinese language, and can translate their petitions. But the necessity for this ceases in the case of those Chinese who present English petitions and who can make their wishes known in English; and to refer all Chinese affairs to the Registrar General is, in my opinion, tantamount to constituting him the *de facto* ruler of the Chinese community of Hongkong. I look upon this as a direct reversal of Governor HENNESSY's policy of treating alike all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Colony and as the first but important indication to the public that the natives of this Colony will in future be governed in a manner different to that in which the other Colonists here are governed.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,
S. K. N.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1882.

"TRAGIC POWER" AT THE CITY HALL.

A dramatic Entertainment was given in the Theatre Royal City Hall last night, for the benefit of the "Hongkong Telegraph Expenses Fund," in connection with the recent Bandmann libel case. The performance, which was organized by Mr. R. D'Orsay Ogden, attracted the largest attendance of the present summer season. The audience was a highly appreciative one, the efforts of the performers being received with the utmost enthusiasm.

Proceedings commenced with Charles Selby's well known and ever popular musical interlude, "The Bonnie Fishwife," first performed at the Royal Strand Theatre, London, on Monday September, 20th, 1858, the characters on that occasion being sustained by Selby as Sir Hicory, Parselle as Wildoates, poor Johnny Clarke as Galters, and Martha Oliver as Maggy. Last night Mr. Ogden was quite at home as the choleric Baronet, fairly bringing down the house by his capital eccentric acting when representing "the remnant of the Old Forty Second." Mr. S. M. Fraser-Smith, for a comparatively inexperienced amateur, did fairly well as Galters, creating much amusement in the "Carb of old Gaul," and also as Mrs. Macfarlane, in the last scene. A few steps of the Highland Fling, danced by Mr. Fraser-Smith in irreproachable style elicited loud applause. Mr. R. Fraser-Smith—"the Prisoner within the Bars"—appeared as Wildoates, and received an ovation on his entrance, which almost rivalled Bandmann's celebrated five minutes at Drury Lane after the decision of the Rousby case, for this marked difference, that last night there was nothing but hearty cheering, whereas hisses, denuded oranges, and rotten eggs were the principal features of the reception accorded to "the lonely possessor of 'Dragic Power'." The artist who made Shakespeare—and Sir George Phillippos—amous. Both as Miss Thigledone, and as the Scotch lassie, Maggie Macfarlane, Miss Nellie Ferguson proved herself a versatile and promising young actress, fairly achieving every thing she attempted, and calling forth general cheering by her chaotic rendering of Wallace's celebrated ballad "Scenes that are brightest," and the favorite Scotch song, "Callie Herrin!" Mr. R. Fraser-Smith and Miss Ferguson received a unanimous recall at the end of the scene.

The *piece de resistance* of the evening's entertainment was Dance's attractive comedy drama "Delicate Ground." This sparkling *morance*, with its interesting plot, epigrammatic dialogue and thoroughly artistic situations, is just a little bit beyond the appreciation of an ordinary Hongkong audience. Written especially for the late Charles Mathews it has, although generally a favorite comedy, failed to sustain the popularity fairly warranted by its intrinsic merits as a high class literary and dramatic production. Mr. R. Fraser-Smith is not an actor like Charles Mathews, but he nevertheless gave an intelligent rendering of the very difficult character of the quick witted Citizen Sangford, showing the lights and shades of an artistic creation with taste and accuracy. Mr. D'Orsay Ogden as the royalist Alphonse was the exact counterpart of his republican rival, and made a most amusing character sketch with the skill of a practised artist. Much praise is due to Miss Ferguson for her clever impersonation of Pauline, the romantic wife of the hard headed, matter of fact Sangford. Of course it was a very trying ordeal for a

